

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment filed March 2, 2006.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-50.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



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 PRIMARY EXAMINER

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Repleglo on May 9, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The application is amended to correct a potential 101 and 112 issue:

- In the specification, replace paragraph 0026 with the following:

[0026] The techniques shown in the figures can be implemented using code and data stored and executed on network elements. Such network elements store and communicate (internally and with other network elements over a network) code and data using machine readable media, such as storage media, i.e. magnetic disks; optical disks; random access memory; read only memory; and flash memory devices; or communications media, i.e. electrical, optical, acoustical or other forms of propagated signals (e.g., carrier wave, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.); etc. Of course, one or more parts of the invention may be implemented using any combination of software firmware, and/or hardware.

- Amend the claims by the following:

Claim 1, line 1, delete “tangible”; and replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 2, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 3, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 4, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 5, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 6, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 7, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 8, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 9, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 10, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 11, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 12, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 13, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 14, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 15, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 16, line 1, delete “tangible”; and replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 17, line 1, delete “tangible”; and replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 18, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 19, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 20, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 21, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 22, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 23, line 1, delete “tangible”; and replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 24, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 25, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 26, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 27, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 28, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 29, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 30, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 31, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 32, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 33, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 34, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 35, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 36, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 37, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 38, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 39, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 40, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

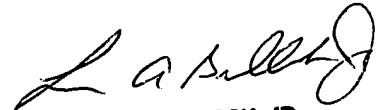
Claim 41, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Claim 42, line 1, replace “readable” with “storage”.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3759. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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